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SUBJ: FULBRIGHT/LASPAU FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM

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1. CEE-US/BRAZIL HAS SENT NOTIFICATIONS TO FINALISTS AND UNIVERSITIES AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL.

2. CAPES INDICATES THAT NO ASSISTANCE FROM CAPES CAN BE EXPECTED BY UNIVERSITIES WHICH HAVE NOMINATED CANDIDATES FOR THE FULBRIGHT/LASPAU PROGRAM UNLESS THE CANDIDATE APPLIES DIRECTLY TO CAPES AND IS ACCEPTED IN THE CAPES PROGRAM. CAPES HAS ITS OWN RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION SYSTEM. ITS DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION FOR FALL TERM IS FEBRUARY 28 AND FOR SPRING TERM JULY 31.

3. INCIDENT IN WHICH LASPAU IMPLICATED CAPES IN A PROJECT BETWEEN LASPAU AND FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF ESPIRITO SANTO LED TO CAPES SENDING COMMUNICATIONS TO UNIVERSITIES HAVING CONTACT WITH LASPAU TO THE EFFECT THAT CAPES HAS NO OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT CANDIDATES WHO ARE NOT SELECTED BY CAPES. THEREFORE UNLESS THE THREE UNIVERSITIES WHICH HAVE NOMINATED CANDIDATES FOR THE FULBRIGHT/LASPAU PROGRAM HAVE RESOURCES OF THEIR OWN TO PAY THEIR CONTRIBUTION OR UNLESS CANDIDATES APPLY TO CAPES FOR ASSISTANCE AND ARE APPROVED BY CAPES, THE PROGRAM MAY RUN INTO UNCLASSIFIED

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DIFFICULTIES.

4. CAPES HAS MORE APPLICANTS THAN IT CAN FUND AND
SEES NO ADVANTAGE TO PICKING UP COMMISSION/PASPAU
PHDS WHO ARE NOT IN HIGH PRIORITY FIELDS OF CAPES.

5. IN VIEW OF FUNDING DIFFICULTIES FOR PHDS IN
COMMISSION/LASPAU PROGRAM AND COMMISSION'S
UNWILLINGNESS TO FURTHER REDUCE ITS REGULAR GRANT
PROGRAM AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE ALTERNATIVE OF
A SMALLER PHD-ONLY PROGRAM WITH LASPAU APPEARS
TO BE THE MOST SUITABLE SOLUTION FOR FUTURE YEARS,
AS SUGGESTED PARAGRAPH 3 REFTEL, AND A PREDOMINANTLY
MA PROGRAM AT PRESENT.

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